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If my beauty be any thing, then let it obtain this much of you, that you will remain some *while* in this company, to ease your own travel and our solitariness. *Sidney.*  
I have seen her rise from her bed, and again return to bed; yet all this *while* in a most fast sleep. *Shakspeare, Macbeth.*  
One *while* we thought him innocent, *Ben. Johnson's Catiline.*  
And then w' accus'd the consul. *Digby.*  
I hope all ingenious persons will advertise me fairly, if they think it worth their *while*, of what they dislike in it. *Milton.*  
Pausing a *while*, thus to herself she mus'd.  
How couldst thou look for other, but that God should condemn thee for the doing of those things for which thine own confidence did condemn thee, all the *while* thou wast doing of them? *Tillotson.*  
That which I have all this *while* been endeavouring to convince men to, is no other but what God himself doth particularly recommend. *Tillotson.*  
Few, without the hope of another life, would think it worth their *while* to live above the allurements of sense. *Auber.*  
What fate has disposed of the papers, 'tis not worth *while* to tell. *Locke.*  
**WHILE.** } *adv.* [Duple, Saxon. *Whiles* is now out of use.]  
**WHILES.** }  
**WHILST.** }  
1. During the time that.  
*Whiles* I was protector, *Shakspeare, Henry VI.*  
Pity was all the fault that was in me.  
What we have, we prize not to the worth,  
*Whiles* we enjoy it; but being lackt and lost,  
Why, then we rack the value. *Shakspeare.*  
Repeated, *while* the sedentary earth  
Attains her end. *Milton.*  
2. As long as.  
Use your memory, and you will sensibly experience a gradual improvement, *while* you take care not to over-load it. *Watts's Logick.*  
3. At the same time that.  
*Whiles* by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God, for your professed subjection unto the Gospel. 2 Cor. ix.  
Can he imagine that God sends forth an irresistible strength against some sins, *whilst* in others he permits men a power of repelling his grace? *Decay of Piety.*  
To **WHILE.** *v. n.* [from the noun.] To loiter.  
Men guilty this way never have observed that the *whiling* time, the gathering together, and waiting a little before dinner, is the most awkwardly pass'd away of any. *Spectator.*  
**WHILERE.** *adv.* [*while* and *ere*, or *before*.] A little while ago.  
That curst wight, from whom I fear'd *whilers*,  
A man of hell, that calls himself despair. *Fairy Queen.*  
Let us be jocund: will you trowl the catch  
You taught me but *while-ere*? *Shakspeare.*  
Here lies Hobbinol, our shepherd *whiler*. *Raleigh.*  
He who, with all heav'n's heraldry, *whiler*  
Enter'd the world, now bleeds to give us ease. *Milton.*  
**WHILOM.** *adv.* [Diplo, Saxon, that is, *once on a time*.] Formerly; once; of old.  
Where now the studious lawyers have their bowers,  
There *whilom* wont the Templar knights abide,  
'Till they decayed through pride. *Spenser.*  
In northern clime a val'rous knight  
Did *whilom* kill his bear in fight,  
And wound a fiddler. *Hudibras.*  
Yet art thou not inglorious in thy fate;  
For so Apollo, with unweeting hand,  
*Whilom* did slay his dearly loved mate. *Milton.*  
**WHIM.** *n. f.* [This word is derived by *Skinner* from a thing turning round; nor can I find any etymology more probable.] A freak; an odd fancy; a caprice; an irregular motion of desire.  
All the superfluous *whims* relate,  
That fill a female gamester's pate. *Swift.*  
To **WHIMPER.** *v. n.* [*wimmenen*, German.] To cry without any loud noise.  
The father by his authority should always stop this sort of crying, and silence their *whimpering*. *Locke.*  
A laughing, toying, wheedling, *whimpering* she,  
Shall make him amble on a gossip's message. *Rowe.*  
In peals of thunder now the roars, and now  
She gently *whimpers* like a lowing cow. *Swift.*  
**WHIMPER.** *adj.* [I suppose from *whimper*.] This word seems to mean disquiet with crying.  
This *whimpering*, whining, purblind, wayward boy,  
This signior Junio's giant dwarf, Dan Cupid,  
Regent of love-rhimes, lord of felded arms,  
Th' anointed sovereign of sighs and groans. *Shakspeare.*  
**WHIMSEY.** *n. f.* [Only another form of the word *whim*.] A freak; a caprice; an odd fancy; a whim.  
At this rate a pretended freak or *whimsy* may be palliated.  
All the ridiculous and extravagant shapes that can be imagined, all the fancies and *whimsies* of poets and painters, and

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Egyptian idolaters, if so be they are consistent with life and propagation, would be now actually in being, if our atheists notion were true. *Ray on the Creation.*  
So now, as health or temper changes,  
In larger compass *Alma* ranges;  
This day below, the next above,  
As light or solid *whimsies* move. *Prior.*  
What I speak, my fair Cloe, and what I write, shows  
The difference there is betwixt nature and art;  
I court others in verse, but I love thee in prose;  
And they have my *whimsies*, but thou hast my heart. *Prior.*  
Oranges in *whimsy*-boards went round. *King.*  
Lest should I dawb it o'er with transitory praise,  
And water-colours of these days;  
These days! where e'en th' extravagance of poetry  
Is at a loss for figures to express  
Men's folly, *whimsies*, and inconstancy. *Swift.*  
**WHIMSICAL.** *adj.* [from *whimsy*.] Freakish; capricious; oddly fanciful.  
Another circumstance in which I am very particular, or, as my neighbours call me, *whimsical*: as my garden invites into it all the birds, I do not suffer any one to destroy their nests. *Addison's Spectator.*  
**WHIN.** *n. f.* [*chwyn*, Welsh; *genista spinosa*, Latin.] A weed; suize.  
With *whins* or with furzes thy hovel renew. *Tusser.*  
Plants that have prickles in their leaf are holly, juniper, *whin*-bush, and thistle. *Bacon.*  
To **WHINE.** *v. n.* [*panian*, Saxon; *wonenen*, Dutch; *cuynen*, Welsh.] To lament in low murmurs; to make a plaintive noise; to moan meanly and effeminately.  
They came to the wood, where the hounds were in couples flaying their coming, but with a *whining* accent craving liberty. *Sidney.*  
At his nurse's tears  
He *whin'd* and roar'd away your victory, *Shakspeare, Coriolanus.*  
That pages blubb'd at him. *Shakspeare, Macbeth.*  
Twice and once the hedge-pig *whin'd*.  
Whip him,  
'Till, like a boy, you see him cringe his face,  
And *whine* aloud for mercy. *Shakspeare, Ant. and Cleopatra.*  
All the common people have a *whining* tone and accent in their speech, as if they did still smart or suffer some oppression. *Davies on Ireland.*  
Then, if we *whine*, look pale,  
And tell our tale,  
Men are in pain  
For us again;  
So, neither speaking, doth become  
The lover's state, nor being dumb. *Suckling.*  
He made a viler noise than *whine*.  
In windy weather, when they *whine*. *Hudibras.*  
Some, under sheeps cloathings, had the properties of wolves, that is, they could *whine* and howl as well as bite and devour. *South's Sermons.*  
I was not born so base to flatter crouds,  
And move your pity by a *whining* tale. *Dryden, Don Sebastian.*  
Laughing at their *whining* may perhaps be the proper method. *Locke.*  
Life was given for noble purposes; and therefore it must not be sacrificed to a quarrel, nor *whined* away in love. *Catlin.*  
Upon a general mourning, mercers and woollen-drapers would in four and twenty hours raise their cloths and silks to above a double price; and, if the mourning continued long, then *whining* with petitions to the court, that they were ready to starve. *Swift.*  
**WHINE.** *n. f.* [from the verb.] Plaintive noise; mean or affected complaint.  
The favourable opinion of men comes oftentimes by a few demure looks and affected *whines*, set off with some odd devotional postures and grimaces. *South.*  
Thy hateful *whine* of woe  
Breaks in upon my sorrows, and distracts  
My jarring senses with thy beggar's cry. *Rowe's F. Shore.*  
To **WHINNY.** *v. n.* [*binnis*, Lat. from the sound.] To make a noise like a horse or colt.  
**WHINYARD.** *n. f.* [*pinan* and *ape*, to gain honour, Saxon; *Skinner*.] I know not whether this word was ever used seriously, and therefore perhaps it might be denominated in contempt from *whin*, a tool to cut *whins*.] A sword, in contempt.  
He snatch'd his *whinyard* up, that fled  
When he was falling off his steed. *Hudibras.*  
To **WHIP.** *v. a.* [*weapan*, Saxon; *whippen*, Dutch.]  
1. To strike with any thing tough and flexible.  
He took  
The harness'd steeds, that still with horror shook,  
And plies them with the lash, and *whips* 'em on;  
And, as he *whips*, upbraids 'em with his fon. *Addison.*  
2. To sew slightly.  
In half *whip* mullin needles usefess lie. *Gay.*

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3. To drive with lashes.  
This unheard sawciness, and boyish troops,  
The king doth smile at; and is well prepar'd  
To *whip* this dwarfish war, these pigmy arms,  
From out the circle of his territories. *Shakspeare, King John.*  
Let's *whip* these stragglers o'er the seas again;  
Lash hence these over-weening rags of France,  
These famish'd beggars. *Shakspeare, Richard III.*  
Since I pluckt geese, play'd truant, and *whipped* top, I knew  
not what 'twas to be beaten 'till later. *Shakspeare.*  
If order'd every day to *whip* his top, so long as to make  
him weary, he will wish for his book, if you promise it him  
as a reward of having *whipped* his top lustily quite out. *Locke.*  
4. To correct with lashes.  
I'll leave you to the hearing of the cause,  
Hoping you'll find good cause to *whip* them all. *Shakspeare.*  
Reason with the fellow,  
Before you punish him, where he heard this,  
Left you should chance to *whip* your information. *Shakspeare.*  
Hourly we see some raw pin-feather'd thing  
Attempt to mount, and fights and heroes sing,  
Who for false quantities was *whipped* at school.  
But 't'other day, and breaking grammar-rule. *Dryden.*  
How did he return this haughty brave,  
Who *whipped* the winds, and made the sea his slave? *Dryden.*  
This requires more than setting children a task, and *whipping*  
them without any more ado, if it be not done to our  
fancy. *Locke.*  
On chain me! *whip* me! let me be the scorn  
Of sordid rabblies and insulting crouds!  
Give me but life. *Smith's Phœdra and Hippol.*  
Heirs to titles and large estates have a weakness in their  
eyes, and are not able to bear the pain and indignity of  
*whipping*. *Swift.*  
5. To lash with fustian.  
They would *whip* me with their fine wits, 'till I was as crest  
fallen as a dried pear. *Shakspeare, Merry Wives of Windsor.*  
6. To twarp.  
Is firing hath both ends neatly lapt over with another about  
three inches in length, and so is firmly *whipped* about with final  
gut, that it may the easier move in the edge of the rowler. *Maxon's Mach. Exer.*  
To **WHIP.** *v. a.* To take any thing nimble.  
In his lawless fit,  
Behind the arras hearing something stir,  
He *whips* his rapier out, and cries a rat!  
And in this brainish apprehension kills  
The unseen good old man. *Shakspeare, Hamlet.*  
She in a hurry *whips* up her darling under her arm.  
Raise yourself upon your hinder legs, and then stretch out  
your head: I can easily *whip* up to your horns, and so out of  
the well. *LeStrange.*  
Brisk Susan *whips* her linnen from the rope,  
Whilst the first drizzling shower's born aloope. *Swift.*  
Thus disposed, it lies ready for you to *whip* it out in a mo-  
ment. *Swift.*  
To **WHIP.** *v. n.* To move nimble.  
Two friends travelling together met a bear upon the way:  
The one *whipped* up a tree, and the other throws himself flat upon  
the ground. *LeStrange.*  
The simple 'quire made a sudden start to follow; but the  
justice of the quorum *whipped* between. *Taller.*  
**WHIP.** *n. f.* [*heop*, Saxon.] An instrument of correction  
tough and pliant.  
There sat infernal pain,  
And fast beside him sat tumultuous strife;  
The one in hand an iron *whip* did strain,  
The other brandish'd a bloody knife. *Fairy Queen.*  
Put in ev'ry honest hand a *whip*,  
To lash the rascal naked through the world. *Shakspeare, Othello.*  
Love is merely madnels, and deserves as well a dark-house  
and a *whip* as madmen do. *Shakspeare.*  
A *whip* for the horse, a bridle for the ass. *Prov. xxvi. 3.*  
High on her head she rears two twist'd snakes;  
Her chain she rattles, and her *whip* she shakes. *Dryden.*  
In his right hand he holds the *whip*, with which he is sup-  
posed to drive the horses of the sun. *Addison.*  
Each staunch polemick  
Came *whip* and spur, and dash'd thro' thin and thick. *Dunc.*  
**WHIPCORD.** *n. f.* [*whip* and *cord*.] Cord of which lashes are  
made.  
In Raphael's first works are many small foldings, often re-  
peated, which look like so many *whipped*. *Dryden.*  
**WHIPGRAFTING.** *n. f.* [In gardening.]  
*Whipgrafting* is done two ways: first, cut off the head  
of the stock, and smooth it; then cut the graft from a  
knot or bud on one side sloping, about an inch and a half  
long, with a shoulder, but not deep; that it may rest on the  
top of the stock: the graft must be cut from the shoudering  
smooth and even, sloping by degrees, that the lower end be  
thin: place the shoulder on the head of the stock, and mark

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the length of the cut part of the graft, and with your knife  
cut away so much of the stock as the graft did cover, but not  
any of the wood of the stock: place both together, that the  
cut part of both may join, and the sap unite the one to the  
other; and bind them close together, and defend them from  
the rain with tempered clay or wax, as before. The other  
way of *whipgrafting* is, where the grafts and the stocks are of  
an equal size: the stock must be cut sloping upwards from one  
side to the other, and the graft after the same manner from the  
shoulder downwards, that the graft may exactly join with the  
stock in every part, and so bind, and clay or wax them as  
before. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*  
**WHIPHAND.** *n. f.* [*whip* and *hand*.] Advantage over.  
The archangel, when discord was restive and would not be  
drawn from her beloved monadry with fair words, has the  
*whit* hand of her, and drags her out with many stripes. *Dryden.*  
**WHIPFLASH.** *n. f.* The lash or small end of a whip.  
**WHIPPER.** *n. f.* [from *whip*.] One who punishes with  
whipping.  
Love is merely a madnels, and deserves as well a dark-house  
and a whip as madmen do; and the reason why they are not  
to punished is, that the *whippers* are in love too. *Shakspeare.*  
**WHIPPINGPOST.** *n. f.* [*whip* and *post*.] A pillar to which  
criminals are bound when they are lashed.  
Could not the *whippingpost* prevail,  
With all its rick, nor the jail,  
To keep from slaying scourge thy skin,  
And ankle free from iron gin? *Hudibras.*  
**WHIPSAW.** *n. f.* [*whip* and *saw*.]  
The *whipsaw* is used by joiners to saw such great pieces of  
stuff that the hand saw will not easily reach through. *Maxon.*  
**WHIPSTAFF.** *n. f.* [On shipboard.] A piece of wood fastened  
to the helm, which the steersman holds in his hand to move  
the helm and turn the ship. *Bailey.*  
**WHIPSTER.** *n. f.* [from *whip*.] A nimble fellow.  
I am not valiant neither;  
But ev'ry puny *whipster* gets my sword. *Shakspeare, Othello.*  
Give that *whipster* but his errand,  
He takes my lord chief justice' warrant. *Prior.*  
**WHIPT,** for *whipped*.  
In Bridewell a number be stript,  
Lesse worthe than these to be *whipt*. *Tusser.*  
To **WHIRL.** *v. a.* [*hpyran*, Saxon; *whirlen*, Dutch.] To  
turn round rapidly.  
Five moons were seen to-night,  
Four fixed, and the fifth did *whirl* about  
The other four in wond'rous motion. *Shakspeare, K. John.*  
My thoughts are *whirled* like a potter's wheel:  
I know not where I am, nor what I do. *Shakspeare, Henry VI.*  
He *whirls* his sword around without delay,  
And hews through adverse foes an ample way. *Dryden.*  
With his full force he *whirl'd* it first around;  
But the soft yielding air receiv'd the wound. *Dryden.*  
With what a *whirling* force his lance he tosd!  
Heav'n's what a spring was in his arm to throw! *Dryden.*  
The Stygian flood,  
Falling from on high, with bellowing sound,  
*Whirls* the black waves and rattling stones around. *Addison.*  
With impetuous motion *whirl'd* apace,  
This magic wheel still moves, yet keeps its place. *Grav.*  
They have ever been taught by their senses, that the sun,  
with all the planets and the fixed stars, are *whirled* round this  
little globe. *Watts's Improvement of the Mind.*  
To **WHIRL.** *v. n.* To run round rapidly.  
He, rapt with *whirling* wheels, inflames the skyen,  
With fire not made to burn, but fairly for to shine. *Spenser.*  
As young striplings whip the top for sport  
On the smooth pavement of an empty court,  
The wooden engine flies and *whirls* about,  
Admir'd with clamours of the beardless rout. *Dryden.*  
She what he swears regards no more  
Than the deaf rocks when the loud billows roar;  
But *whirl'd* away, to shun his hateful light,  
Hid in the forest. *Dryden's Zen.*  
Wild and distracted with their fears,  
They juggling plunge amidst the founding deeps;  
The flood away, the struggling squadron sweeps,  
And men and arms, and hories *whirling* bears. *Smith.*  
**WHIRL.** *n. f.* [from the verb.]  
1. Gyration; quick rotation; circular motion; rapid circum-  
volution.  
I were well your judgments but in plays did range;  
But ev'n your follies and debauches change  
With such a *whirl*, the poets of your age  
Are tir'd, and cannot score them on the stage. *Dryden.*  
Wings raise my feet; I'm pleas'd to mount on high,  
Trace all the mazes of the liquid sky;  
Their various turnings and their *whirls* declare,  
And live in the vast regions of the air. *Creech's Manilius.*